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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of February 4, 2008, requiring applicants to elect a single disclosed invention pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 121, applicants hereby provisionally elect Claim Group I, comprising claims 21-27, drawn to a method, system and program storage device for managing a cluster of networked resources, resource groups.

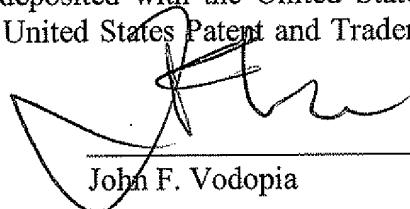
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